

Commits Suicide Shoots Himself

Mr. Cragg Despondent On Account Of Health—Laddonia Firm Shipping Cream And Poultry.
Laddonia, Mo., Oct. 28.—On

Thursday, October 24, Lonie Cragg, 34 years old, who had a restaurant on Front street, committed suicide on the rear porch of his home near the Christian church. Seated on the floor he placed a loaded double-barreled shotgun across a cot with the butt of the gun against the wall and by aid of a stick discharged the gun, the charge entering his body at the left side in the region of the heart, resulting in instant death. No cause can be given unless despondency as a result of ill health. Mrs. Cragg had gone to the restaurant to get breakfast and left him to do the milking and feeding. After some waiting for his coming she went to the home to know the cause of delay and found him where he lay on the back porch.

When this became known, it cast a gloom over the community. He was an honest, upright citizen, without an enemy. Was married in 1912 to Miss Minnie Quinn. Funeral services were held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Christian church conducted by Rev. Schwab. The last funeral rites at the grave by the L. O. O. F. of which order he was a member. His father and step-mother from Kansas City were present at the funeral as likewise Mrs. Mary Quinn of Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quaintance have returned from an extended visit at different points in Illinois. They visited Mr. Q's brother whom he had not seen for 36 years and a lady cousin he had not seen for 52 years.

H. E. Christup made a business trip to Elsberry.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Campbell, Louisiana, a daughter, Rev. Campbell was formerly pastor of the M. E. Church here and Mrs. C. is a sister of George and John Stotler here.

Mrs. J. C. Lower has purchased property of O. A. Quisenberry. "Judge" has employment in a butcher shop in Vandalla and thinks of moving there.

Mrs. J. P. Smith has gone to Fredonia, Kansas, to stay with her

daughter, Miss Joe, who has a position in the schools there. Earl Hagar has moved to Farber where he is employed as electrical engineer at the fire clay works. W. E. Grubb is in the employ of the Denmark Mercantile Co. in the cream department. The Denmark Mercantile Co. has shipped between 500 and 600 gallons of cream in the last two weeks and on last Thursday they shipped 8,000 pounds of poultry to New York.

The Laddonia Herald of the 23rd instant devoted a full page to the 6th amendment to be voted on at the November election, urging that voters vote "No" and scratch "Yes." Characterizing the amendment as undemocratic, tyrannical and against American liberty. The local option laws of Missouri when enforced by our higher courts are effective, logical and fair. Cannot State-wide prohibition be just as fair, logical and more effective? How can this be undemocratic, un-American and tyrannical?

Rev. J. L. McKay is the new M. E. pastor at this place. Rev. Milam retained as pastor of the M. E. South. Brother McKay arrived last Saturday.

A. B. Hale recently made a visit to his son, Howard, who is stationed at Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia. Roy Smith who was released from Camp Funston on account of physical disability, resulting from an attack of spinal meningitis, is improving very slowly.

George Brakel has a position as machinist at Shotwell's garage. But Baker is here on a visit to old friends. He is an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill.

Squires Brothers of Mexico are plastering the new opera house in this place.

It gives us much pleasure to read letters from the old school teachers absent from the county—Brother J. N. Cross and others. Mrs. Ned Grainger who has been on the sick list for several days is improving.

SOUTH SALT RIVER LETTER.

Most La Grippe cases about well except some of the John Kessler family.

Logan Watts and J. P. Newman have about finished molasses making for the season.

A great acreage of wheat sown. Looks the best we ever saw. Some of the early rank growth has some Hessian fly. A few people are yet

sowing wheat. Miss Lee Bomar returned to Chillicothe Business College, having been home a week on account of the school being dismissed because of influenza.

Again our community was saddened in the death of Mrs. Ethlyn Jewell Riggs, the sweet and accomplished Christian wife of Fred Riggs. A beautiful tribute in the assemblage of friends at the funeral; the funeral rites conducted by Revs. Wallace, Barks and Beatrice Rice, the latter her old pastor who baptized her. Interment at Union Chapel Cemetery. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fran Watters. She had only been married about four months. Her parents, sisters and husband have the undivided sympathy of all in their overwhelming sorrow. Time alone can bring their sorrows heal.

A letter received by Miss Sallie Lochridge brought the information of the wounding of Private Joe F. Lochridge in the great battling in the Orgonna Forest. The 354th Regiment, of which Joe was a member, charged a machine gun battery in the hand to hand fighting. Joe was knocked down and shot thru the left hand. Joe finished the Hun with his automatic Colt's six-shooter and captured the machine gun. Hurrah for old rough neck Joe. But that is the kind of boys these American women and men raise. The dirty Hun is no half way match for those gallant American boys. Joe is in the hospital at Paris and only regrets he can not go on with his comrades to immortal victory in upholding a flag that was never lowered in defeat.

Jake Buckner bought the Lyman stock and grain farm, now occupied by J. T. Dudley. Dudley will move over near "Red" Smith.

Frank Waters is doing a lot of improving on his farm.

Uncle Martin Clutter writes he will return from Washington State to Missouri.

Miss Georgia Waters of Hardin College is visiting at her parents' home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waters. Frank Crum and family have moved from Mexico to the Mollie Hodges Culver farm.

Dan Mundy engaged in a furious battle with a large hungry, vicious fox bare-handed and alone, defeating the fox and rescuing his poultry, that Mr. Fox tried so hard to devour. Dan is none the worse except some lacerations and clothing torn to shreds. Dan says the

last seen of the fox Old Turk Bruno and Askum were taking Raymond down thru the Abbie Watts jungles.

We have heard that Bro. Beal is contemplating accepting a good job at Washington, D. C. during the war. While we admire his patriotism, his loss to the county will be great. As a gentleman and newspaper man he cannot be beaten. We are for him in whatever he does.

BENTON CITY LETTER.

Benton City, Mo., Oct. 26.—Miss Willie Knobel of Rush Hill is the guest of Miss Frankie Northcutt this week.

Mrs. Al Hicks is again clerking at Kellher Brothers' store after a vacation of several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hildebrand have returned from a visit to their daughter in Craig, Nebraska.

Dr. W. H. Douglass has been appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon in the U. S. Health service and will report in St. Louis Monday.

Our school and churches have been closed on account of influenza but no cases have developed in our immediate vicinity as yet.

Mr. Levi Watts, a highly respected pioneer citizen of Audrain county, died at his home three miles west of Benton City Saturday morning. Mr. Watts was a good man and will be greatly missed in the home and community and the church, where he had been superintendent of the Bible School for years.

Mrs. A. J. Douglass' condition is unimproved.

Fred Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pearson, who is with the 356th Infantry in France, sends back to his folks a strap off of a German's coat as a souvenir. Fred says he's been "over the top" twice and never got a scratch.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weber left for Mexico Tuesday where they will visit relatives for two weeks before going to California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norris are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Norris contemplate going to California for the winter.

PAYNE DISTRICT ITEMS.

Master Clarence Cleeton has purchased a new pony.

J. A. Givens has finished painting his house and is erecting a new barn.

P. L. Denham and children and

Amy Shock were the week-end guests of St. Louis friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins, October 22, 1918, a fine girl.

W. T. Cleeton delivered corn to W. H. Blythe recently.

John Vance and Allen Duffy killed a beef Friday.

Misses Eugenia Smith and Elizabeth Beatty visited at W. H. Dempsey's Wednesday night.

W. H. Dempsey was in this neighborhood sawing wood for H. H. Jones, Jim Mauke, John Atkins and Alvin Sellers last week.

J. F. Woolery who has been confined to his bed for some time with rheumatism is able to be up and around again.

Stand up for President Wilson in the election next Tuesday. Send Folk to the Senate to help Wilson. Wilson is under great responsibilities. Wilson needs help and support.

The brewers of Missouri have their hands up and are hollering "Komerad" to the rural voters to "Save St. Louis" again. But their cry does not suit some of the citizens of that city. Rev. Dr. W. H. Geistweid, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, issued a letter last week on behalf of the Citizens' Dry Alliance, protesting the continuation of a large liquor sign facing the Kinghighway bridge. The sign reads: "While the boys are fighting for your liberties over there, do not vote away their liberties over here. Vote no on the prohibition amendment." Dr. Geistweid contends the sign is a reflection on the Government and should be removed. He points out that no liquor is permitted to American soldiers fighting in France and that it is a sober army that has turned the tide against Germany and put victory in sight. "In one month spent among 40,000 soldiers," Dr. Geistweid says, "I never saw one of them in liquor, they couldn't get a drop. Their eyes were bright; their step was elastic; their muscles were hard as nails; they were clean as a hound's tooth. It is said that we sent the cleanest army that was ever mobilized across the sea—no such bunch of men was ever known. The liberty of the American soldier over there must not be made slavery over here." Vote FOR constitutional amendment No. six.

Get right on the single tax question next Tuesday.

PRIVATE HALL WRITES.

Is Rejoiced That They Are Wallowing The Huns In France.

The following is a letter received last week by Mrs. A. J. Hall of Thompson from her son, Private A. Hall, with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Haskins is a native of Audrain county. But the last two years has been employed as fireman by the Southern Pacific Railroad in California. Enlisted with the American Engineers in March, 1918, and received army training at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind. Here he was equipped for overseas service and arrived in France about the middle of July.

Here is his letter:

Somewhere in France, September, 1918.

Dear Mother and All:

Received Melba's letter all O. K. and must say was glad, as usual, to hear from you, and that you were well. I am feeling fine and dandy. So you have only had one or two letters from me? Don't know why you don't get them. Have written at least a dozen times since I came over here. Had a letter from Fannie yesterday, saying they had been worried about me. I know I am a poor hand about writing, but there is so little one can tell. Will try to do better in the future.

You were asking me about having enough money. I have several Francs now. Just got my back-time from the S. F., and will get two months' pay the 10th of October. So will have a nice little roll. I am going to hang onto all I can from now on, believe me. When I get headed for home I expect to have one grand time. It is easy to save money in the army, that is, if we don't go to town too often.

I am not railroading now as I have a better job for this winter, one that I don't have to be out in the bad weather all the time. I am in charge of the Company's quarters. Have two men to do the cleaning up; all I have to do is to see after the work, and make a report each night.

The prospects sure look good now don't they, mother? They are sure doing wonderful work. I still have hopes of being with you in 1919. Won't those be happy days? I will make this letter No. one, so you will know in the future if you get all of them.

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EMMONS' HOME. THIS IS UNDOUBT LUSTER AVONDALE

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My "bunkup" name had a letter from his California. She is drif Angeles to Portland, him about all the bea up about Dunsnuir. I know so well, and rather homesick.

Well, as news is goodbye, mother. Private Haskins A. 60th Transportation C via N. Y.

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STATE OF MISSOURI,
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I, R. B. Cauthorn, Clerk of the County Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing list contain the names of all candidates for the respective offices named to be voted at general election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 1918, together with the names of the political parties by which said candidates have been nominated, as the same have been certified to me by the Secretary of State and the various political parties of this County and the Township therein, all of which are on file in my office. Said lists are arranged in the order and form in which they will be printed upon the ballots.

Witness my hand and Official Seal. Done at my office in the City of Mexico, Missouri, this the 22nd Day of October, 1918. (Seal) R. B. CAUTHORN, Clerk of the County Court, Audrain County, Mo.

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

JOHN HEAL, Editor and Proprietor.

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The single tax comes up at the election next Tuesday. It is announced No. 8. If you don't want it, scratch "Yes."

You are against the single tax. Better watch amendment No. 8 at the election next Tuesday. Scratch the big word "Yes."

Make up your mind before you go to the polls next Tuesday how you will vote on the amendments. (1) an intelligent ballot. Some of the amendments are good and deserve your support.

MOLINO NEWS LETTER.

Molino, Mo., Oct. 26.—There are several cases of whooping cough in the school here. The children are kept at home. Mr. H. B. Anderson has returned from a several weeks' stay at Warburg, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson have purchased property of O. A. Quisenberry. "Judge" has employment in a butcher shop in Vandalla and thinks of moving there.

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Consistent farm near Molino. Mrs. Tina Heizer will return to her home in Dalton, Neb., Monday.

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again. A letter is always welcome. Frank A. Blank, C. M. P. O. 902.

RUSH HILL LETTER.

Mrs. Louie Knobel returned home Sunday after a pleasant visit with relatives in Martinsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand were married in "Catholic Church" at Laddonia, this week.

Mrs. "Tuck" Underwood returned home Monday after a three weeks' visit with her brother, Rev. A. E. Underwood, in Granite City.

Mrs. Mabel Fox of the Kirksville Normal is visiting relatives here. Mrs. Willie Knobel is visiting relatives in Benton City.

Mrs. Nola Hanna commenced school Monday after a week's dismissal account of the influenza. Mrs. Mary Neal has moved to St. Louis. Miss Trunk Underwood was shopping in Laddonia, Tuesday.

Miss Mable Hearn of Kirksville Normal is visiting homefolks here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hardee have gone to Oklahoma to make their

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For Justice Peace of Salt River Township: Jno. H. Wayne. W. W. Wilson R. B. Hooton. (Three to be elected)	For Justice Peace of Salt River Township: Geo. Clark. (Three to be elected)	For Justice Peace of Salt River Township: (Three to be elected)	For Justice Peace of Salt River Township: (Three to be elected)
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